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## Proposed Sewerage and Water Board Rate Increase and Reforms

New Orleans, LA, December 4, 2012 – Today the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors voted to support the proposed Sewerage and Water Board Rate Increase and reforms.

In voting to support the proposed Sewerage and Water Board Rate Increase and Reforms, the New Orleans Chamber's board of directors affirmed the need for the following changes:

- The governance structure of the Sewerage and Water Board will be amended as proposed by the Mayor of New Orleans;
- The Inspector General for the City of New Orleans will monitor the use of the funds, contracts and capital improvements to the City of New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board;
- 3) The Mayor of New Orleans, in his role as President of the Sewerage and Water Board's board of directors, will take a 'hands-on' approach to the implementation of this initiative.

The New Orleans Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2003 to serve, protect and promote its chamber members and offer them the opportunity to build mutually beneficial business partnerships. The Chamber's vision is to serve as the voice of the business community.

If you would like more information about the chamber or to schedule an interview, please contact the office at (504) 799-4260.

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